

2012 Report of LOG Reunion held at Skinner Street on Saturday 6 October 2012

Here follows the “fun” version.

Ding dong dell, Kitty’s in the well! No sooner said than done! Bring in the brigade to get Kitty out! Bells are ringing. The call is clear! Have a jolly 2012 LOG Reunion!

Fill in details, get labels, fork out cash. Kim, Alice and helpers, K’von and Bianca, gather megabucks, Margaret dishes out small change, and Father Shand brings paraphernalia from big church to small chapel. All praise the Lord to the trill of Felicity’s piano, prayers for woes, prayers for joy and prayers for every matter.

All traipse through bygone passages to fancy new hall where more megabucks collected, more small change dished out. At last the ink runneth out and lists are full.

Watch as from the fast lane cometh Sisters Linda, Eileen and Bernadette to greet

Now for the “serious” version.

1. Registration at 12h30.
2. Mass in the Convent Chapel at 13h00. Our thanks and appreciation to kindly Father Jonathan Shand for saying Mass, Felicity Mullan for playing the piano to accompany us in hymn-singing and Margaret Collins for leading us in prayer.

3. More Registration in the School Hall, mid general companionable conversation as all settle themselves with old friends.

4. Honorary Loreto Old Girl and Mistress of Ceremonies, Kathy Wisselo, calls forward:

the Golden Girls of 2012 (50 years out of school, 1962)

- Mrs June (Solomon) Crawford, Hillcrest, 1962
- Ms Patricia Richards, Skinner, 1962
- Mrs Karin (Hahn) Stohr, Hillcrest, 1962

the Diamond Girls of 2012 (60 or more years out of school, 1952 or earlier)

- Mrs Beatrice (Richardson) Eksteen, Skinner, 1946 (wow!)
- Mrs Beatrice (Bowles) Bernadi, Skinner, 1952
- Mrs Norma (Wolff) Higgins, Hillcrest, 1952
- Mrs Shirley (Velcich) Plisic, Hillcrest, 1952
- Mrs Yvonne (Rens) Sutherland, Skinner, 1952
- Mrs Monica (Brink) Hazell, Skinner, 1952

and one Ruby Girl of 2012 (40 years out of school, 1972)

- Mrs Terry (Nurse) Koot, Skinner, 1972

5. Hearty congratulations to each Loreto Old Girl celebrating this special day. Ursula Jadrijevic puts hands to piano

Shillinglaw lion king and queen, “hunke-punk” Mrs Addis, smiley Mrs Wright, nonchalant Mrs D’Oliviera, busy-bee Mrs Haupt and almost invisible Miss Hill.

Out steps flamenco Kathy and claps her hands. Forward come golden grandees, diamond brilliants and shiny ruby to gather rosebuds, for today is a celebration of oneness, with good feelings for achievements of long ago!

All figure in the glorious chatter and bubbling camaraderie round tables of tea drinkers, all out to beat the rush of air as tongues waggle, hugs and cheers endear all to each and each to all!

In short, sweet are the noises of nostalgia, mingled with sounds of good company, as lips sigh in satisfaction!

and all sing, “For they are Jolly Good Old Girls...”!

6. At last, everybody tucks into delicious snacks and tea or coldrinks (paid for by megabucks collected at Registration).

7. Contented interaction of old friends follows.

8. Thank you, one and all, for making the 2012 LOG Reunion a great success.

9. A special word of thanks to past principals, Mrs Addis and Mrs D’Oliviera, past teacher, Mrs Wright, present principal and his wife, Mr and Mrs Shillinglaw, present teachers, Mrs Haupt and Miss Hill and our dear Loreto Sisters, Linda, Eileen and Bernadette for your welcome participation in our annual Loreto Old Girls Reunion.

10. Our thanks also to all who helped with the arrangements and preparation for the Reunion, both Old Girls and Staff, and a very special word of thanks to Kathy for all she does for us.

11. To each Loreto Old Girl who came to the Reunion, whether from Hillcrest or Skinner, and Lydenburger Estelle Paul, popping in for a minute, we say a huge “thank you”. We had a glad time and hope to see you back next year with more of your Loreto friends.

12. Finally, well done, LOG class of 2002/2003! More of the good stuff for next year!